

service in the U.S. military and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor.

Among his many accomplishments, he was the first member of the Crow Tribe to earn a master's degree. A celebrated writer, he also received an honorary doctoral degree from the University of Southern California and Rocky Mountain College. As a distinguished lecturer and historian, Chief Joe Medicine Crow has worked tirelessly for decades as an advocate for the Crow Tribe. I am proud to know Chief Joe Medicine Crow and thank him for his leadership and loyalty to this country.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 571, I was unable to be present for the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

HONORING THE U18 USA POWER SOCCER TEAM

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the U18 USA Power Soccer Team.

Team USA recently traveled to Paris, France to compete in the Powerchair Football World Cup. After defeating Ireland's National Team in the semifinals, 13–0, Team USA went on to win the championship with a 5–0 victory over the host French team. The Americans showed incredible strength and team-effort, not surrendering a single goal during the entire tournament.

Team USA included three Hoosiers Lexi Heer, Zackary Dickey and Michael Rodriguez. Their contributions helped the USA bring home another world cup championship. These young athletes embodied the best of American sportsmanship and competition and I was proud to have them representing our country in this tournament.

I join the entire 6th District and Americans across the Nation in congratulating the U18 USA Power Soccer Team for a fantastic and thrilling 2013 Powerchair Football World Cup championship. I look forward to seeing what each of these talented young men and women will achieve in the future.

HONORING MIKE NUSSBAUM

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and Chicago actor, Mr. Mike Nussbaum. As an actor and director, Mr. Nussbaum has certainly made an indelible mark on the city of Chicago, Hollywood and

the world. His unstoppable energy and dedication to his work keeps Mike Nussbaum on stage at age 90. His love for his family and friends, with four great-grandchildren and counting, also keeps him young.

Mike Nussbaum represents the epitome of success in the Chicago acting community. He has been nominated for the Joseph Jefferson Award ten times and awarded the prestigious award three times over the course of his long career. He has acted in movies such as *Men in Black*, *House of Games*, *Fatal Attraction* and *Field of Dreams*. He has performed in plays such as Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross*, Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* and Beck- et's *Endgame*.

Mike's signature gift is that he is able to perform in such diverse roles not only because of his talent, but his hard work and unwillingness to quit. His major strategy is to keep his mind and body as supple as possible. For most, it is difficult to perform exemplary work at age 90—but Mike Nussbaum makes it look easy.

Nussbaum helped build Chicago into the theatre powerhouse it is today. Chicago is now widely respected for its cutting edge theater. This could not have been done without Mike Nussbaum. Happy 90th Birthday, Mike!

HONORING COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR HOWARD O. ROBINSON AS HE RETIRES FROM THE ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD

HON. WILLIAM L. ENYART

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Command Sergeant Major Howard O. Robinson, thanking him for his service and wishing him well as he retires from the Illinois National Guard.

CSM Robinson served as my senior enlisted advisor when I was Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard. I presided at the Change of Responsibility Ceremony in 2011 and passed the sword to CSM Robinson as he became the 10th Command Sergeant Major of the Illinois National Guard. In this capacity he helps provide training for approximately 13,000 Illinois National Guardsmen.

CSM Robinson enlisted in the Illinois Army National Guard in 1983 with the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery in Chicago. In 2001 he was selected as the Senior Enlisted Adviser for the 2nd Battalion 123rd Field Artillery in Milan, Illinois. Over the next eight years, his assignments would include: Battalion Command Sergeant Major for the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery in Chicago, Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 404th Chemical Brigade based in Chicago and Army National Guard Land Component Senior Enlisted Adviser.

A 2006 graduate of the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy, CSM Robinson's military education also includes the Army's Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Courses, Tactical Information Operations Course and the Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Development Course. He served overseas in Germany, participating in a War Fighter Exercise and has participated in various training events throughout Europe.

CSM Robinson has received numerous awards and decorations during his service, including: Meritorious Service Medal (2nd award), Army Commendation Medal (4th Award), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (Numeral 4), Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Training Ribbon, Long and Honorable Service Medal, Military Attendance Ribbon, State Active Duty Ribbon, and Louisiana Emergency Services Ribbon.

Prior to his current position with the Illinois National Guard, CSM Robinson has enjoyed a career in healthcare administration and is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration at Governors State University.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the distinguished career of Command Sergeant Major Howard O. Robinson, congratulating him on his retirement and wishing him well as he enters his next life chapter.

COMMEMORATING MELWOOD'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 14, 2013

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Melwood, Maryland's second-largest non-profit agency focusing on people with differing abilities, as it marks its fiftieth anniversary.

In 1963, a small group of parents and supporters decided to teach plant care to young adults who were considered by most to be unemployable. It was then that Melwood was launched as a place where people with differing abilities learned new skills with the goal of employment. For 50 years, Melwood has been advocating on behalf of individuals with differing abilities by providing support services, helping them with critical skills, and placing them in jobs that provide independence and dignity.

Today, Melwood continues to provide job opportunities and support services to nearly 1,900 individuals with differing abilities. With 38 AbilityOne contracts at 43 locations, Melwood is the second-largest agency of its kind in Maryland and the largest AbilityOne employer in the Eastern Region. Additionally, it operates the Melwood Recreation Center for nearly 900 adults and children with and without special needs. Melwood's great work has even earned it an international reputation, and Melwood's "social entrepreneurial" model has been copied elsewhere in America and in other countries as well.

Every American who wants to contribute to building our country and strengthening our communities ought not to be held back because of a differing ability, and for a half a century Melwood has empowered people with differing abilities to transform their own lives through opportunities of employment, job training, life-skill improvement, and supportive and recreational services.

Much of Melwood's work helped lay the foundation for the enactment of the Americans